

## LEARNING TO SEE

Sight Sense Slow Returning to  
McLouth Boy.Depends on Touch; Years to  
Learn to Read.

McLouth, Kan., Feb. 2.—William Hawkins, the 21-year-old boy who regained his sight on Christmas day, is learning slowly to observe the world in a new way. His sense of sight, though perfect according to the doctor, is a feeble competitor against his sense of touch. Hawkins often is baffled by the sight of things, which, if he closes his eyes and touches, he knows readily.

From his home at McLouth to the Bell Memorial hospital at Topeka he has made many trips for treatment by the oculist who gave him his sight. In the office of the oculist one day last week a man picked up a book and held it before Hawkins.

"What is this?" he said.

"How should I know?" Hawkins replied.

"What does it look like?"

"Well, I can't say exactly."

"Feel it."

He felt it, smiled and said: "It is a book."

One day last week he drove to Valley Falls, the county seat of Jefferson county near where he lives and friends who were with him pointed out the courthouse.

"I have always wanted to see it," he said. "It does not look like other buildings around here."

He can distinguish persons in their general form—men from women—but he must still depend upon his touch to distinguish one person from another.

It will be some years before he can learn to read, the doctors say.

## KANSAS CORN YIELD SMALL.

Agricultural College Gives Reasons

Why Crop Averages 20 Bushels.

Manhattan, Kan., Feb. 2.—The average acre yield of corn in Kansas is less than 20 bushels. The growing of corn under conditions to which it is not adapted is the principal reason, according to C. C. Cunningham, assistant professor of agronomy in the Agricultural college, who has obtained data from every part of the state.

Other reasons why the corn yield is low are the decrease in soil fertility and the failure to rotate crops properly.

Mr. Cunningham has presented his conclusions in a bulletin, "Growing Corn in Kansas," intended for the practical farmer, and obtainable from the experiment station by any resident of Kansas. It includes a map of Kansas showing the state divided into areas based on the adaptability of corn and the grain sorghums respectively to each area. Another map shows the state divided into nine corn-growing regions. Mr. Cunningham points out the varieties suitable for each section.

Practically all phases of growing corn under Kansas conditions are treated, including rotations, varieties, methods of planting, preparation of the seed, cultivation, harvesting and storing, selection and care of seed, and insects injurious to corn.

Organize Lincoln Fair.

Two Associations Plan Events This

Year in Lincoln County.

Lincoln, Kan., Feb. 2.—Lincoln county will hold two fairs this year. For several years a successful fair and stock show has been held at Sylvan Grove. The association has ample grounds and buildings.

This year Lincoln will hold a fair for the first time in several years. The association bought a tract of 23 acres adjoining town and paid for it. Over \$9,500 worth of stock has been sold, of which \$5,500 has been paid in. More than \$500 has already been paid for the fair track.

Sylvan Grove and Lincoln are thriving towns, and there is room for the two fair associations.

## KANSAS PIONEER IS DEAD.

James Tully Helped Erect First Buildings

at Fort Riley.

Junction City, Kan., Feb. 2.—James Tully, a true Kansas pioneer, passed away at his home on West Third Sunday, following a long illness. He was 84 years of age and a resident of the state since the early fifties, and during his lifetime held many positions of trust and was active in county affairs. He helped to erect the first stone buildings at Fort Riley, a few of which are still standing, and he was into the bridge contracting business in this county. He erected the Fogarty bridge across the Smoky Hill and also did the stone work on the first Fogarty dam and on the mill building.

Mr. Tully was a county commissioner in the early days and made a very efficient official. Later he was bridge overseer for the county. Much of his life here was spent on his farm near Wentz and it was only a few years ago that he moved to town.

THE MILLS STORES COMPANY

Order by mail

Satisfaction or your money back

Order by phone

THE MILLS STORES COMPANY

## WHITE SALES

offer unequalled opportunities to save on

undermuslins, linens and white goods

The Mills Stores Company  
—TOPEKA'S BEST STORE— F. M. PELLETIER, PRÆST.

## Spring suits are ready

The best way to find out how very pretty and becoming they are is to come down and try them on.

The styles: Everyone admires them for they're quite youthifying with their smart little box coats, Norfolk jackets and longer coats which ripple and flare at the waist. Some have detachable military capes. The skirts are unusually attractive; some with belts and others gathered at the waist.

The materials: Coverts, shepherd checks, corduroys, poplins, serges, gabardines, etc.

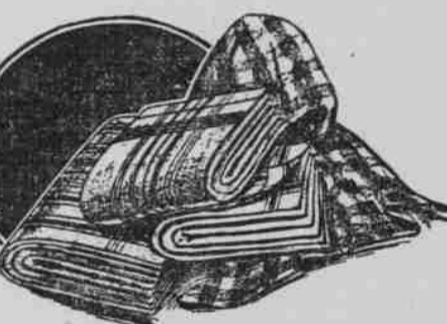
The colors: Coral, peach, rook, Copenhagen, Belgian and generous assortment of navy and black.



\$15 to \$50

(Apparel section—3rd floor.)

## Blankets radically reduced

Blankets, beddings and domestics  
are now on the main floor

\$1.00 gray cotton blankets for use as fleeced sheets and for children's beds; very easy to wash—89c per pair.

\$3.00 baby crib blankets; the 36x50-inch size of finest, softest, snow-white wool—\$2.48 sale, per pair.

\$2.75 wool-nap blankets in plain gray; extra heavy, warm cotton blankets with a soft, wool-like nap—per pair. \$2.48

\$3.98 plaid wool blankets; extra warm and very serviceable; choice of pink, blue, tan, gray, red and black—per pair. \$2.98

\$5.50 wool blankets; the 70x80-inch size in tan and gray with silk ribbon binding; very soft and very warm—per pair. \$3.98

ABOUT KANSAS  
AND KANSANS

MANHATTAN, Wednesday—Major

A. A. Sharp of Topeka was here Monday

night to examine noncommissioned

officers of Company I, K. S. G.

First Lieutenant Arthur Scheele and

Second Lieutenant Clede R. Keller

will go to Topeka tomorrow to take

the commissioned officers' examinations.

They have been acting temporarily

and if they pass the test their

positions will be permanent.

LAWRENCE, Wednesday—As a result

of walking several blocks bare-

foot through the snow Miss Maud

Swisher is confined in the county jail

awaiting a sanity hearing. She traveled

attired in a nightgown and a cloak.

Two frozen toes resulted from the

expedition. Miss Swisher was formerly

a student at K. U.

LEAVENWORTH, Wednesday—George

Rentz, a convict at the federal

prison, was paroled under guard that

he might visit his dying mother in

Chlor, Iowa. Rentz is serving a term

for using the mails to defraud.

ATCHISON, Wednesday—A. H.

Davis, a farmhand, was found badly

frozen near Burton after being all night

Saturday night on the road. His

hands, one ear, his lips and his legs

are frozen and it is thought that one

foot will have to be removed.

KANSAS CITY, Wednesday—H. M.

Brown, 46 years old, committed suicide

at his home here Monday noon by

shooting himself through the head. He was found lying in the icy backyard by his son who went to call him to dinner.

LAWRENCE, Wednesday—The entire town gathered at the Santa Fe station this morning to hear and see President Wilson, City schools and the university, and all business houses were closed during the visit of the president.

BALDWIN, Wednesday—This town is taking an active part in the campaign against cigarettes. The citizens are organized in an effort to prevent the sale of tobacco and cigarette papers to minors.

LEAVENWORTH, Wednesday—Sister Mary, Baptist Carney, who has been at St. Mary's academy for 20 years, died at the academy Monday noon. The funeral was held here this morning.

WICHITA, Wednesday—Charles Dutcher, of Glazier, Tex., was brought here yesterday for treatment of a broken leg. He traveled 24 miles to come to St. Francis hospital.

MANHATTAN, Wednesday—The agricultural college has just published reports on the soil survey of Cherokee and Reno counties. The reports show maps of the counties and give information as to formation, characteristics and crop adaptation of the soil.

OTTAWA, Wednesday—Dr. O. O. Wolfe, state senator, is confined to his home here with an attack of pneumonia. His condition is considerably improved since Saturday.

JUNCTION CITY, Wednesday—

Several oil wells will be sunk in Geary county soon. The wells will have to be put down to a depth of 2,000 feet. Many oil and gas leases have been made lately.

ERIE, Wednesday—Postmaster Carson will read a paper explaining the "Farm to Table" movement before the Neosho county farmers' union. The meeting of the union is scheduled for February 4 and 5.

DOWNS, Wednesday—The heaviest stock shipments of the year were handled here Tuesday. A large number of local shipments were sent out besides about 30 cars of stock from the branch lines.

BELOIT, Wednesday—Hugo Witt, of Tipton, lost his right hand and part of his arm when his arm was caught in a corn sheller on a farm near here Friday. The arm was so badly crushed in the accident that amputation was necessary.

SALINA, Wednesday—W. C. Tegmeyer, state fish and game warden, is spending a week in Saline county investigating alleged violations of the game law. Many complaints have been sent to the warden from this county.

SALINA, Wednesday—Several hundred thousand bushels of corn are stored in the elevators of the Shellbarger grain company, according to reports from the offices of the company in Salina. The corn is sold but cannot be delivered on account of the car shortage.

Both Boys and Girls Win.

Wichita, Kan., Feb. 2.—Fairmount college boys' and girls' basketball teams were victorious over Cooper col-

lege at Sterling Tuesday. The boys won by the score of 49 to 27, and the girls won, 15 to 6. The second half of the boys' game was a runaway for the Fairmounters.

PHONE MEN TO MANHATTAN.

Kansas Mutual Association Holds Annual Convention This Month.

Manhattan, Kan., Feb. 2.—Telephone men from all sections of Kansas will be in Manhattan on February 21 and 22, when the Association of Mutual Telephone Companies holds its annual convention in the city.

It is expected that nearly 100 delegates from all sections of the state will attend the convention. The meetings will be held at the college.

The association is composed of independent telephone companies doing business in Kansas. J. D. Shields of Lost Springs is president of the association; C. W. Swallow of Minneapolis, Kan., vice president, and M. H. Rice, secretary-treasurer.

NOW IT'S DOPED CIGARETTES.

"Needle Artist" in Wichita Jail Mixed Morphine With Tobacco.

Wichita, Kan., Feb. 2.—Shrewd efforts of narcotics agents to deceive the police and use drugs even while locked up in jail have developed the "dope cigarette," according to discoveries by the police and federal authorities. The discovery at police headquarters was in this way:

J. Hartman, serving sentence for petit larceny, was observed trembling and pale as if suffering from a chill. Asked what ailed him by Police Detective Harberson, he said he did not know. He said the attack had followed the smoking of a cigarette. He

said he had smoked cigarettes for years and had never been ill before.

"Where did you get the 'makins' for that cigarette?" asked Harberson.

"From Taylor," replied Hartman.

Taylor, a colored narcotic fiend and a fellow prisoner with Hartman, had mixed morphine with his smoking tobacco and when Hartman borrowed "makins" for the cigarette, Taylor handed him this sack. A search of Taylor revealed a bottle which contained a small amount of morphine.

The negro, who is under federal indictment for violation of the narcotic law and is held by the police for vagrancy, had been smoking the drug with his tobacco, in lieu of his "needle," which had been taken from him.

STORE MANY TONS OF ICE.

Mankato Consumers and Farmers Take Advantage of Cold Weather.

Mankato, Kan., Feb. 2.—Present weather conditions are ideal for the ice man. In the week just past hundreds of tons of ice has been put up by local users, such as druggists, meat markets and dairies. Many farmers in this county are also equipped with ice houses and are taking advantage of the harvest with full working crews let a thaw will ruin the ice. The average thickness is from ten to twelve inches.

BELL-ANS

Absolutely Removes

Indigestion. One package

proves it. 25c at all druggists.

## Can't Do the Work

A bad back makes hard work harder. All day the dull throbbing and sharp pains make you miserable, and there's no rest at night. Maybe it's your daily work that hurts the kidneys for jarring, jolting, lifting, reaching, dampness and many other strains do weaken them. Cure the kidneys. Use Doan's Kidney Pills. They have helped thousands and should do as well for you.

A Topeka Example.

Charles Eaton, 733 College st., says: "I suffered intensely from pains in the small of my back and I had to get up at night to pass the kidney secretions. This made me feel all worn out in the morning. The remedies I tried hadn't helped me and finally I got Doan's Kidney Pills at the Rowley Drug Store. After I had finished two boxes I was cured."

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

50c at all Drug Stores

Foster-Milburn Co. Prop. Buffalo, N.Y.

## PROGRESS

this spring by getting a home of your own.

If you do not have enough to make the first payment you should not delay the starting of a savings account, where you receive interest on the amount thus saved.

Call or write for booklet.

Capitol Building and Loan Ass'n

534 Kansas Ave.

LOCATED AT

618 Kansas Ave.

Over Fair Store

Phone 4765

National Painless Dentists

LOCATED AT

618 Kansas Ave.

Over Fair Store

Phone 4765

Heavy gold crowns.

White crowns. \$4.00

BRIDGE WORK. \$8.00

Investigate our new method for

payments.

Dr. E. F. Wolfe, Mgr., formerly

associated with Painless Romina.

Office Hours 9 to 6. Evenings 7 to 8

Sunday 9 to 12

All Work Guaranteed.

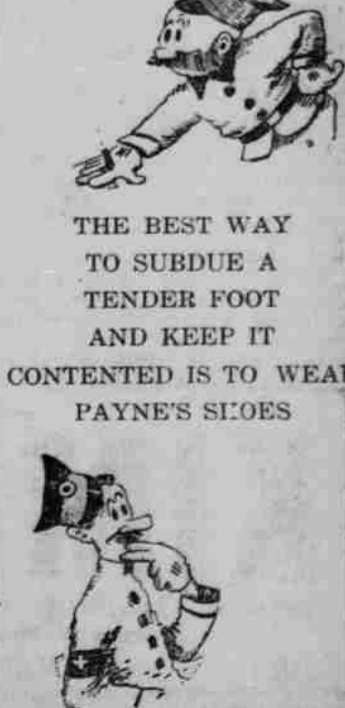
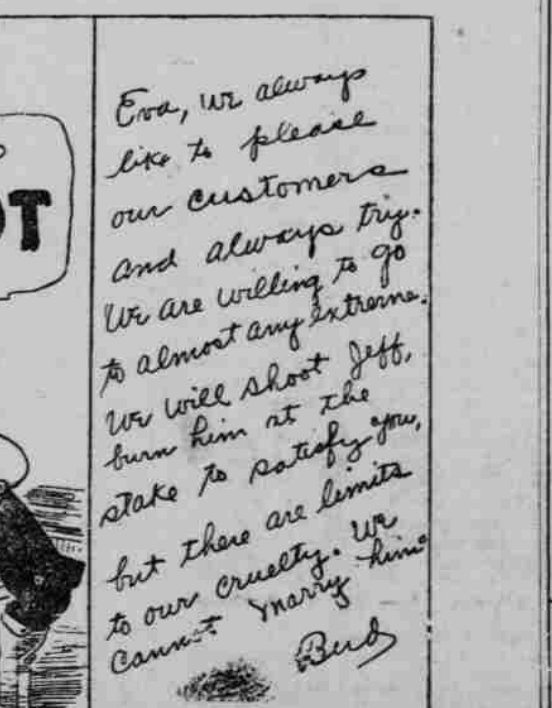
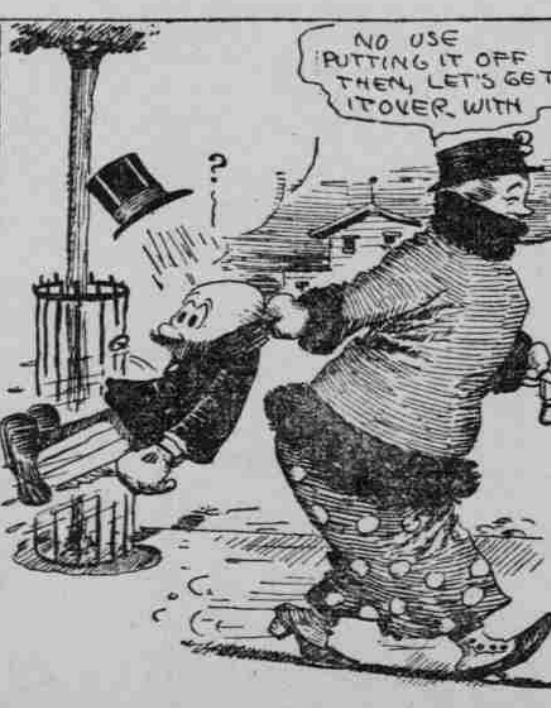
## MUTT &amp; JEFF—Really, Eva, That's Asking Too Much Of Us—

Drawn for the Topeka State Journal

(Copyright, 1915, by H. C. Fisher. Trade Mark Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.)

By BUD FISHER

Dear Mr. Fisher—  
I read Mutt and Jeff every night and like it very much, only I think that Mutt and Jeff have been in the war long enough. As long as Mutt is married, please let Jeff get married, and please put his bride in the paper.  
Your little friend  
Eva Renaud  
11 years old.



Eva, we always like to please our customers and always try. We are willing to go to almost any extreme. We will shoot Jeff, burn him at the stake to satisfy you, but these are limits to our cruelty. We cannot marry him.

THE BEST WAY TO SUBDUCE A TENDER FOOT AND KEEP IT CONTENTED IS TO WEAR PAYNE'S SHOES